

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 9, 2017 to March 1, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Agriculture

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency is proposing to issue a federal loan guarantee to a commercial lender who is making a loan to facilitate the construction of poultry houses in Accomack County. The project includes the construction of eight 60-foot by 600-foot poultry houses in the central portion of the properties proposed to be purchased. These properties are located between 27209 Saxis Road and 26259 Saxis Road. The federal consistency determination (FCD) states that land-clearing activities will not affect wetlands, subaqueous lands or fisheries and that a nutrient management plan will be implemented. According to the FCD, the proposed action would be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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